

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

LAVONE D. HILL,

Petitioner,

Case Number: 05-71101

v.

HON. GEORGE CARAM STEEH

MILLICENT WARREN,

Respondent.

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**ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S MOTION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Petitioner Lavone D. Hill has filed a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, alleging that he is incarcerated in violation of his constitutional rights. Before the Court is Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel.

There exists no constitutional right to the appointment of counsel in civil cases, and the court has broad discretion in determining whether counsel should be appointed. *Childs v. Pellegrin*, 822 F.2d 1382, 1384 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1987) (“[A]ppointment of counsel in a civil case is . . . a matter within the discretion of the court. It is a privilege and not a right.”) (internal quotation omitted). A habeas petitioner may obtain representation at any stage of the case “[w]henver the United States magistrate or the court determines that the interests of justice so require.” 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). In the instant case, the Court determines after careful consideration that the interests of justice do not require

appointment of counsel.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel is **DENIED**.

s/George Caram Steeh  
GEORGE CARAM STEEH  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 20, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served on the attorneys of record on April 20, 2005, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/Josephine Chaffee  
Secretary/Deputy Clerk